

FINE GYMNASIUM AT AUGUSTANA TO BE BUILT AT ONCE

Board of Directors of College Authorizes Expenditure Necessary to Provide Building.

TO COST APPROXIMATELY \$25,000

Probable That Structure Will Be Located on Campus—News Causes Joy Among Students.

A modern, well equipped gymnasium was authorized by the board of directors of Augustana college, in semi-annual session yesterday. No limit was set to the cost and the directors of the school plan to erect a building which will be one of the finest in this section. Conservative estimate of the sum to be invested is \$25,000, but in all respects the building will be planned to answer the needs of the students regardless of expense. Work is to be started at once and plans and specifications are to be adopted and contracts let in order that the new gym may be ready for use at the beginning of the fall term next year.

When news of the decision reached the students of the school last evening, shortly before 8 o'clock, pandemonium broke loose, and until 10 o'clock the enthused collegians celebrated the day. Torchlight parades, a monster bonfire on the campus, speeches by members of the board of directors were all in order, and the chapel bell, like the Liberty bell of old, rang out the old and rang in the new, announcing a new epoch in the history of athletics at Augustana.

Coach R. N. Conrad is enthused by the plans for the new building, which will mean added facilities in his work with the college teams. Heretofore his efforts have been much handicapped by the lack of accommodations, but once in the new building athletics will take a leap to the front and all forms of physical education will be featured. Last year, during the winter months, students of the college themselves promoted the new gymnasium among citizens of this city and other friends of the institution, about \$1,000 being raised. The erection of the new building by the board of directors is a fitting culmination of their efforts.

The site of the new building is yet to be selected, but the Ericsson field, scene of all outdoor sports at Augustana, is the logical place for the building. However, other locations are under consideration.

Celebration Date Set.
March 2 was set aside as the date for celebration in commemoration of

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the centennial anniversary of the birth of Rev. T. N. Hasselquist, one of the founders of the local college and seminary. President G. A. Anderson of the college and Rev. L. A. Johnstone, president of the Augustana synod, were authorized to make arrangements, and probably another celebration will be held in Galesburg in June, it being possible that the Augustana synod will meet in that place next year. Galesburg was the scene of Rev. Mr. Hasselquist's early church work, and for that reason Galesburg is considered most appropriate.

Petition of the senior class asking that the board of directors actively support the Rockey 1, the college annual, was accepted, and the work on the year book will begin at once, it being now definitely decided that the seniors' book will be published.

Two other matters of importance were discussed, but nothing definite was decided in these instances. The question of erecting a new ladies' dormitory was brought up, data being furnished, but the matter was laid on the table until the next meeting, to be held in April, when it is probable that the board will appropriate funds for the new building. Discussion of the feasibility of adopting an elective system in the Theological seminary was also a part of the program of the meeting, but, although a report of the committee was favorable, decision was postponed until next spring, when the faculty of the seminary will present detailed outlines of the courses of study in that department.

City Briefs

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It is probable that the game between the Rock Island high school scrubs and the Viola eleven may not be staged at the Island City park next Saturday.

Most of the players at the local school have turned in their suits and it is understood that they do not want to play another game this season. Efforts are being made to shift the combat to Geneseo.

Police were called to the Sala apartments at noon today in response to summons from one of the tenants who said that there was a burglar in the building. No trace of a prowler was found and nothing was missing.

Rumors of a holdup last night were denied by police today. They said that the stories grew out of a fight between three Assyrians. One Assyrian claimed he was held up by the other two and when they found nothing on him they beat him up. Police investigated, but say there is no truth in his story.

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CHURCH RETURNS THANKS FOR HELP

Officials of Central Presbyterian Congregation Address a Letter to the Public.

A letter signed by the pastor, elders and trustees of Central Presbyterian church, returning thanks to those who assisted in making the recently completed financial campaign a success has been given to the press for publication. It is as follows:

"Having just completed one of the most remarkable financial campaigns that any church has ever undertaken, and having been so wonderfully successful.

"We, the pastor, elders and trustees of the Central Presbyterian church, take this opportunity of expressing our thanks to all those who have so faithfully and tirelessly labored with us during this financial campaign, making it possible to bring it to a successful conclusion. We appreciate that without your valuable assistance this campaign would have been much longer and more tiresome, and far from as successful as it has been. A large share of credit is due you, and it is with pleasure that we acknowledge it and express to you our appreciation.

"We do further desire to thank all those who have so cheerfully and generously contributed of their means. It is because of your generosity and your good will that we are now able to announce to the people of Rock Island that Old Central has been placed upon such a firm financial basis that no one need have the slightest misgivings regarding its future. We extend to you our thanks, and we hope that in return for what you have done you will give us an opportunity to serve you in any and all ways possible.

"And we would not overlook the service those who have rendered us who so faithfully and tirelessly prepared and served the suppers during the week the campaign was on. These suppers, where we all gathered about the tables night after night, made the work pleasure, and added greatly to its success.

"And to all the people of Rock Island we extend the right hand of fellowship. We invite you to come and share with us in the enjoyment of both worship and service if you have no church home. We are here to serve the public, ministering unto every conceivable need. 'Come with us and we shall do thee good.'

Fraternal

William A. Meese of Moline last night addressed 150 members of Alouez council, Knights of Columbus, at their club rooms in the Electrical building on "Historical Illinois." The lecture was highly entertaining. Mr. Meese having an abundance of knowledge on the early history of the state. The talk was made additionally attractive by stereopticon slides. Initial steps were taken by Alouez council last night for a class adoption to be held in the near future. M. H. Sexton, grand knight, appointed committees on arrangements